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For: SEAL ASSEMBLY FOR A BICYCLE
BOTTOM BRACKET

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) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
) UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98



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Commissioner:

The references cited on the attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each reference is enclosed.

DE 19,751,879 shows a bottom bracket assembly using a conventional sealed bearing unit.

DE 19,954,432 shows in Figure 2 a bottom bracket assembly with a seal (33) on the outer surface of a member (25B).

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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